

CHINESE NATIONALIST TROOP STRENGTH ON THE QUEMOYS

The arrival on 10 September of a division of reinforcements -- numbering about 9,000 men, all MAAG-trained and NDAP-equipped -- brings the strength of regular Chinese Nationalist forces on the Quemoy to approximately 51,000; this figure includes combat units, headquarters personnel, and supply and service units. Prior to the arrival of these reinforcements, there were approximately 42,000 regular Nationalist forces on the Quemoy, according to a detailed report from the U. S. Army attache at Taipei on 3 September.

25X1A2g These figures do not differ significantly from those given in [REDACTED]. This latter report states that tactical troops are probably closer (to) 24,000. This figure represents a calculation for combat effectives, not for troops of all types. The report goes on to state that total strength may have been nearer 40,000 before the arrival of reinforcements.

25X1X7 There is thus a discrepancy, between the U. S. Army G-2 figure and the [REDACTED] figure, of perhaps 2,000 men.

25X1X7

[REDACTED]

Guerrilla strength on the Quemoy was approximately 25X1X7
6,000 in July 1954, [REDACTED]. This figure was
revised upward 25X1X7 [REDACTED] at the end of August to approximately
11,000, a figure for official purposes, although it was
believed that the figure represented guerrilla strength
for the entire Quemoy command, which includes other
islands farther north along the coast. This belief was
supported by the detailed report of the U. S. army attache
at Taipei on 9 September, which placed guerrilla strength
on the Quemoy at 6,000. 25X1X7

Subsequent information [REDACTED] has indicated that
guerrilla strength is much lower than 6,000, [REDACTED] 25X1X7
estimates the correct figure to be 1,350. This figure,
when received, was so at variance with previous information
that it was not used for official purposes pending a re-
check [REDACTED] 25X1X7

25X1X7 [REDACTED] reports in PD-195 that the figure of 1,350
guerrillas stands up under recheck; this figure is now
accepted by G-2. It probably represents a close approxi-
mation to the number of actual guerrillas still present
on the Quemoy and organized into units.